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Let us have an honor roll of those who really give this much-needed support in bringing to the highest efficiency these new great agencies which we have started on a small scale, but with large faith. Encourage Headquarters by sending a card saying, "Enroll me in the man-a-month volunteers." If half the men you secure are women, so much the better for the cause to which woman has contributed much more than her half. Then at Asheville let the secretary read the names for honorable discharge of those who have found at least one each month willing to join in the splendid work which has made the A. L. A. famous and is destined to carry its banner to still higher peaks of achievement.

Notes from Headquarters

The first issue of the *Bulletin of the American library association* carried an appeal to its membership asking that time be given to its complete and careful reading. It was hoped that even those whose habit it is to either destroy or lay aside a circular would at least give the time to reading the initial number of an official periodical of *their own* association.

Membership within an association carries with it certain obligations and duties. An important one is the keeping in touch with what the administration of such an association is trying to do for the benefit of its members. Many evidences, unfortunately, have reached Headquarters that the appeal for careful reading has been ignored, several members having written that they had no time for reading bulletins, circulars and literature of like description. Are not our members willing to hold up the hands of the officers to whom they have consigned the administration of their affairs?

The effort to secure payment of the annual dues without incurring the expense of additional printing and increased postage has met with a good measure of success. Two members, when sending their dues, have criticized this innovation as being unbusiness-like and undignified. Many, however, have given their unqualified and hearty approval to this effort to minimize the expenses of the Association. It is hoped that the majority of the members have the welfare of the Association so much at heart that they will be willing to

support its officers in their efforts to manage its affairs economically and with prudence. Those, therefore, who have not as yet sent in their annual dues are again asked to forward a money order or draft on either New York or Boston to the order of the American Library Association for \$2.00, if for an individual, or for \$5.00, if in payment of a library membership, addressed to the A. L. A., No 34 Newbury Street, Boston, Mass. Kindly attend to this *at once*, so that your name may be on the mailing list to receive further issues of the *Bulletin*, conference announcements and other A. L. A. literature.

Museum

It is earnestly desired that all librarians, members of the A. L. A., who have not already done so, shall send to Headquarters, No 34 Newbury Street, Boston, Mass., a sample collection, *in duplicate*, of all printed matter having to do with the administration of the libraries under their charge, with notes, if necessary, for their proper understanding. These collections are asked for in duplicate to the end that it may be possible, upon request, to make up a collection to send to library schools, library commissions, library associations and clubs, and to librarians and trustees of newly-organized libraries. While it is highly important that a permanent museum of all library aids, systems and appliances shall be installed at Headquarters, it may well be conceded that a travelling collection or collections would be of more extended benefit to the library

profession generally. The same is true of the architectural plans which are being collected. These will prove to be of the greatest value to those architects, trustees and librarians who can journey to Headquarters to inspect the collection. It should be possible, however, through blue prints, tracings, photographs, or other means, to meet the constantly increasing inquiries which are reaching Headquarters from those who are not able to see the collection in its entirety. If librarians, accepting the assurance of the administration that there is urgent need for both of the above-mentioned collections, will but forward, *in duplicate*, a full collection of all their printed matter, and use their influence with trustees and architects to secure floor plans and photographs, both exterior and interior views, of their libraries, a permanent collection of inestimable value to library progress will have been brought together.

Architects, trustees and librarians, who have been either seen or written to, show a hearty willingness to furnish plans and photographs of their library buildings. It is evident that as this collection grows its value must necessarily increase, to the Association, to the visitor and to those who wish advice and suggestions sent to them.

Headquarters has received plans and photographs of about fifty library buildings, ranging in cost from \$10,000 to over \$250,000. These plans have already been of sufficient use to mark the value of such a collection and to warrant the Committee in prosecuting a vigorous campaign in adding thereto.

Much benefit has come from a collection of interior views, showing the use to which a modern children's room is put. The Committee hopes that librarians who are doing this excellent and highly valuable educational work will contribute such photographs. They are equally anxious to secure plans and photographs of the modern branch library building. By the time this issue of the *Bulletin* reaches its readers, the Committee hopes to be in a position to say that it has in its possession full plans of every branch

building connected with the library system of Brooklyn.

It hopes that other large cities, like New York, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Cleveland and St. Louis will follow the good example which Brooklyn has set them.

A serious problem which now confronts the Committee is that of determining the best method of housing this rapidly accumulating collection. Plans reach Headquarters in many different sizes, some so large as to be unwieldy for practical use. Again, their value is too great to warrant frequent handling, entailing serious damage. It has been suggested that they be photographed down to a standard size and that these photographs be used for daily reference, recourse to the originals being had only when details, not brought out with sufficient clearness in the photographs, need to be studied. With the negatives of such photographs in hand, prints could be made from time to time.

Suggestions, looking to a solution of this question, are solicited from such members as may have had experience in housing similar collections.

Plans of every library are wanted, be they old or modern, small or large, proprietary or public, special or university. It is hoped that librarians will take this request seriously, and give their hearty co-operation to this important work which is being undertaken by the committees on Headquarters and Architectural plans.

Membership

Members of the A. L. A. will, within a short time, receive a statement, signed by every member of the Executive Board, calling attention to the great need of concerted action looking to a marked increase in our membership. It requires but an earnest effort on the part of members to bring about a result which shall place the Association upon such a financial basis as shall make possible a wide extension of its activities and a general strengthening of its influence all along the line.